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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 19 December 1956

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell (part of mtg.), Mr. Amory,
Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms [redacted]
Bissell, Sheldon, Gen. Truscott, [redacted]

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General Cabell:

a) Noted that [redacted]

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[redacted] who is soon to retire, has been recommended to us by General Walter B. Smith for employment. General Cabell said he discussed this with Messrs. Helms, Angleton and [redacted] and at the present time it does not appear that we have a suitable vacancy for him, particularly since it would be necessary for him to occupy one of our exempted slots. The Director noted that possibly General [redacted] might be used as an instructor in our training courses, thereby releasing operators for other duty. Col. White pointed out that under the current Career Service Program we have a plan in effect which rotates qualified people from the field to training and this procedure is highly satisfactory. It was also pointed out that we should assign speakers to the training courses who are current in their thinking rather than drawing on past knowledge. After some further discussion it was agreed that General Cabell (who has personally talked to Gen. [redacted]) would advise him we have no suitable vacancies at the present time.

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Mr. Helms:

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Mr. Sheldon:

Raised the question of responsibility for alerting domestic entities in case of sabotage, for example, the recent [redacted] incident, pointing out that he had discussed this matter with Mr. Houston and it was not quite as simple as appears on the surface. Mr. Amory noted that as an interim measure he had instructed OCI to inform Mr. Arthur Flemming of any reports received indicating possible sabotage to U.S. oil installations abroad. Mr. Amory said he had made this decision since he considered Mr. Flemming to be the oil czar, at least until the present emergency for furnishing POL to

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Western Europe exists. General Cabell said he questioned CIA's responsibility to do this since he believes it is the Department of State's business. After some discussion the Director stated he believed this problem should be placed before the NSC for decision and asked Mr. Sheldon to work with General Counsel in order to draft a paper as soon as possible. Mr. Amory remarked that this had been considered and noted his intention of first discussing the proposed paper with [redacted]

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Mr. Amory:

a) Reported that a young counsel for the Eastland Committee had recently visited [redacted] and had come back with the highest praise for Peer deSilva. The Director asked DD/I to put this in a memorandum in order that it might be drawn to Mr. deSilva's attention. ACTION: DD/I and DD/P.

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b) Noted that the Fairless Committee is soon to take a trip around the world and suggested that consideration be given to advising CIA stations of Mr. Fairless' connection with the President's Board of Consultants. The DCI approved. ACTION: DD/P

c) Noted that the Historical Intelligence Collection Library would be open for business today.



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